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SUBJECT: INFRASTRUCTURE PLANNING, COST-SHARING PERIOD 1975-1979

REFS: A. STATE 123101, 22 JUNE 73

B. USNATO 3091, 3340, AND 3575

EGIN SUMMARY. THIS SUBJECT CONSIDERED IN INFRASTRUCTURE COMMITTEE 4 SEPT 73. IN ADDITION TO SITUATIONS REPORTED IN REFS B, THE GERMAN REPRESENTATIVE AMPLIFIED PREVIOUSLY EXPRESSED POSITION OF GERMANY TO HAVE AN OVER-ALL INFRASTRUCTURE PROGRAM (I.E., NO SEPARATE EURO-GROUP PROGRAM). CANADA AND THE UNITED KINGDOM ADVISED THEIR AUTHORITIES COULD NOT YET GIVE A POSITION ON THE PROGRAM FOR 1975-1979. END SUMMARY.

1. PARA 4 OF REF A REQUESTS REPORT AFTER EACH MEETING WHERE THIS SUBJECT IS CONSIDERED.

2. REPRESENTATIVES OF CANADA AND UK ADVISED THAT THEIR AUTHORITIES WERE QUITE ACTIVELY CONSIDERING THE POSITIONS THEY COULD TAKE ON THE INFRASTRUCTURE PROGRAM FOR THE COST-SHARING PERIOD 1975-1979, WITH A VIEW TO EXPRESSING THEIR POSITIONS AT THE CONFIDENTIAL

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INFRASTRUCTURE COMMITTEE'S FIRST MEETING IN OCTOBER 1973.

3. THE GERMAN REPRESENTATIVE MADE THE FOLLOWING STATEMENT:

QUOTE MY AUTHORITIES SEE NO REASON TO ADD VERY MUCH TO THE GERMAN

VIEWS ALREADY STATED IN THE COMMITTEE. CONCERNING A NEW EDIP IT IS RECALLED THAT A NEW EDITION OF A EUROPEAN SPECIAL PROGRAM IN FAVOR OF THE NATO INFRASTRUCTURE IS NOT SUPPORTED BY THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF GERMANY. THE EUROPEAN INFRASTRUCTURE PROGRAM WAS SUBSEQUENTLY ADOPTED IN 1970 AS AN ADDITIONAL EUROPEAN CONTRIBUTION TO THE ALREADY EXISTING NATO INFRASTRUCTURE PROGRAM, IN ORDER TO REMEDY WEAKNESSES OF THE CURRENT PROGRAM. NOW, A NEW OVER-ALL INFRASTRUCTURE PROGRAM IS TO BE ADOPTED. THERE IS NO REASON AND NO NECESSITY TO DECIDE IN SPECIAL AGREEMENTS ON PROGRAMS WHICH MIGHT BE TAKEN INTO CONSIDERATION AND, POSSIBLY, TO ASK ONLY THE EURO-GROUP COUNTRIES FOR AN ADDITIONAL CONTRIBUTION. RATHER, THE FUTURE FIVE-YEAR PROGRAM OFFERS ITSELF AS A FRAME WORK UNQUOTE.

4. PROPOSED POSITION TO BE TAKEN BY US REP AT MEETING 9 OCTOBER WHEN THIS SUBJECT WILL BE CONSIDERED BY THE INFRASTRUCTURE COMMITTEE, IS CONTAINED IN US NATO 3091 AND IN STATE 129340 RUMSFELD

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